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The campus will be conducting a test of the UMass Amherst Alerts emergency notification system on Wednesday, December 9 between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. This test is part of the university's continued effort to evaluate and improve our ability to provide timely and effective emergency notifications and warnings during a campus emergency.

The test will include the university's outdoor warning system, which features eight outdoor warning sirens located throughout campus. To learn more about the system, including the types of emergencies it may be used for and to listen to the alert tones, go to http://www.umass.edu/alerts and click on the Outdoor Warning System tab.

You can also download a copy of the university's Emergency Procedures/ Protective Action Guide on the home tab of the alerts Web site. We recommend you review the procedures semi-annually and urge you to have a printed copy available in your work area.

UMass Amherst Alerts text messaging is one of the primary methods the university will use to notify the campus community of an ongoing or imminent campus emergency. It is important to receive these time- critical emergency notifications, so the university urges you to register for UMass Amherst Alerts emergency text messages at http://www.umass.edu/alerts and click on the Text Messaging tab.

If you are an UMass Amherst Alerts subscriber, please participate in a short survey after the test. If you do not receive the text message by
4 p.m., please confirm that your cell phone number is entered correctly in SPIRE and that your cell phone was on. Feedback from everyone will help us improve our ability to provide accurate and timely notification to the campus community.

The survey is available at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JD58XC2

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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